

West Plains Beekeepers Association

November 18, 2016

Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

6pm-6:30pm Social Time Talking about Bees

6:30 Educational Program by Emily Ann Fulp from the noxious Weed Control Board.

7:10PM Meeting Called to Order by Ellen Miller

Approval of October minutes Motion to approve by Kevin Oldenburg 1st, approved

Treasures report Joe Miller current budget amount November \$3051.52

Committee reports

Education Committee (Marilyn Geiger)

November classes: Going well. Next class series in March. February there will be a presentation at the Otis Orchards Library.

Educational Programs: December Honey Judging, Recipe share desserts only!

Airway Heights Correctional Center: Jim Miller - 20 inmates started class 5 weeks ago/ a satellite bee club was suggested by the staff at AHCC. They will work with Jim to prepare a statement of intent which will be presented to WPBA. Don Richter made a motion to authorize Jim Miller to propose MOU based on AHCC interest in having satellite affiliation with WPBA; Scott Holbrock 2nd, the group voted unanimously in approval. Jim advised of the program's resources of 10 Acres are available and 10-25 hives are being proposed. Walla Walla is also under our sponsorship apprentice teaching under Jim Miller w/o his physical appearance necessary.

Publicity (Margo Buckles)

Project Hope Follow up: Grant Submitted. Looked at proposed site location, Interview at Michael Anderson elementary school student. The presentation will be put up on our website.

Huckleberry Press running advertisement for classes.

Discussed Advertising (Craigslist, Exchange, etc) in Spring for Swarms. Then provide swarms to EWU, AHCC and other programs

Research (Kevin Oldenburg)

Medical Lake High School project: Bees are good and are ready for winter. Rearden and Davenport High schools are ready to start a bee program of their own.

EWU Sustainability Report (Kevin Oldenburg and Jim Miller) It is getting taken care of. Everyone is happy. Waiting for Spring, found location, will need swarms.

Eric-sustainability program offers tours looking for help. Graduate student Emily will be doing research Professor Charles Herr has the Bee Research Center @ EWU 2 masters studies students doing research on honey bees- projects throughout the year, possible project assistance needed from WPBA

Airway Heights Ordinance (Jack Miller, Margo Buckles): It has been recommended to attend a Study Session and not a regular Council Meeting.

Kids booth/ and website Content (Sandy Fanara, Marilyn Geiger, Cathy Richter & Margo Buckles)

Lots of ideas and activities are in the works

Kathy and Marilyn met regarding website

Children's author from UK Evelyn Woods sent books

Website (Jack Miller)

Still up and working. No updates

WMBA Sent Certificates to some WPBA members Joe Miller, Ellen Miller, Jim Miller - they have an active website

New Business: None

Additional notes- None

Good of the order: None

Jack Miller Moved to adjourn meeting – Kathy Richter 2nd

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Raska, Secretary